

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 414

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2 RELATING TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM; AMENDING CHAPTER 59, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY
3 THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-5909B, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVI-
4 SIONS REGARDING A PERSON'S RIGHT TO REFUSE MEDICAL TREATMENT BASED ON
5 RELIGIOUS BELIEFS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 59, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 67-5909B, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 67-5909B. RIGHT TO REFUSE MEDICAL TREATMENT BASED ON RELIGIOUS BE-
11 LIEFS. Any person may refuse medical treatment of any kind based on the
12 person's religious beliefs. No governmental entity, employer, or any other
13 entity may question the sincerity of the religious beliefs claimed by a per-
14 son. Government, employers, and other entities may adopt forms upon which
15 the religious exemption is claimed, which may include a waiver by the person
16 claiming the religious exemption of liability or any other responsibility
17 on the part of the government, employer, or other entity for the person's
18 refusal of medical treatment.

19 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
21 passage and approval.